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MEETING OF THE

REGIONAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TASK FORCE

**Wednesday, October 17, 2007
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

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REGIONAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TASK FORCE

AGENDA

October 17, 2007

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Honorable
Pam O'Connor, Chair

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Members of the public desiring to speak on an agenda item or items not on the agenda, but within the purview of the Committee, must fill out and present a speaker's card to the Assistant prior to speaking. A speaker's card must be turned in before the meeting is called to order. Comments will be limited to three minutes. The chair may limit the total time for all comments to twenty (20) minutes.

3.0 REVIEW and PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

4.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

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5.0 ACTION ITEMS

5.1 Update on RCP Process
Attachment

Doug Kim
SCAG Consultant

10 Minutes

Staff will present the release strategy for the RCP.

Recommended Action:

Provide a recommendation to the CEHD on how to proceed with the release of the Draft RCP and adoption of the Final 2008 RCP.



REGIONAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TASK FORCE

AGENDA

**5.2 Review of Preliminary Draft RCP
Attachment**

**Doug Kim
SCAG Consultant**

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150 Minutes

Chapter leads will brief the Task Force on the Preliminary Draft RCP chapters and be available for questions and comments.

Recommended Action:

Review and approve the Preliminary Draft RCP and forward to the CEHD, EEC, & TCC for their approval.

7.0 CHAIR'S REPORT

**Honorable
Pam O'Connor, Chair**

8.0 STAFF REPORT

Staff will provide a brief update on planning underway for a 2008 Sustainability Conference.

9.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

10.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the Regional Comprehensive Plan Task Force is to be determined.



Regional Comprehensive Plan Task Force

Minutes for August 13, 2007

The following minutes are a summary of actions taken by the Regional Comprehensive Plan Task Force.

The Regional Comprehensive Plan Task Force held its meeting at the Southern California Association of Governments offices in Los Angeles. There was a videoconference at the SCAG Inland Office in Riverside. The meeting was called to order by Member Toni Young, City of Port Hueneme.

Committee Chair: Pam O'Connor, Santa Monica

<u>Members Present</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Members Absent</u>	<u>Representing</u>
Cook, Debbie	Huntington Beach	Fesmire, Melanie	Indio
Feinstein, Mike	Ex-Officio	Pettis, Greg	CVAG
Garcia, LeeAnn	Grand Terrace(Video)		
McCallon, Larry	Highland		
Miller, Michael	Ex-Officio		
Nowatka, Paul	Torrance		
O'Connor, Pam	Santa Monica		
Parks, Linda	Ventura		
Young, Toni	Port Hueneme		

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Paul Nowatka, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None offered.

3.0 REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

4.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

4.1 Minutes of July 9, 2007

The minutes of July 9, 2007, were approved.

5.0 INFORMATION ITEM

5.1 RCP Development Update

Doug Kim, SCAG Consultant, provided a status report on the development of the Regional Comprehensive Plan (RCP). He informed the group that the Goals, Outcomes, and Action Plans for the Air Quality, Water, and Solid Waste chapters will be forwarded to the EEC on August 30 for their information.

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5.2 Education White Paper

Christine Fernandez, SCAG Staff, provided a report on the Education White Paper written by David Abel of New Schools Better Neighborhoods. Members of the task force approved of the school-centered neighborhoods through joint use ideas discussed in the paper. However, it was noted that there were portions that seemed a little like a commercial as well as some degree of repetition. Task Force members requested that these minor concerns be taken care of.

6.0 ACTION ITEMS

6.1 Preliminary Economy Goals, Outcomes, and Action Plan

Joanne Ruddell, SCAG Staff, presented the Preliminary Economy Goals, Outcomes and Action Plan to the group for its consideration. Members of the task force noted the need for inclusion of additional discussion points including local self-reliance and increased circulation of capital in local areas, employment in green technology, education and health care. Task force members then asked about a previous version of the chapter that had been written through a series of collaborative efforts by Michael Feinstein, Paul Nowatka, and Toni Young. It was decided that this previous version would be retrieved and reworked with the help of the three task force members for presentation to CEHD.

6.2 Preliminary Security and Emergency Preparedness Goals, Outcomes, and Action Plan

Alan Thompson, SCAG Staff, presented the Preliminary Security and Emergency Preparedness Goals, Outcomes, and Action Plan to the group for its consideration. Other issues that task force members requested be considered included the decentralization of assets to reduce the desirability of an attack and that data sharing only be conducted with appropriate privacy and civil liberty concerns.

6.3 Preliminary Transportation Goals, Outcomes, and Action Plan

Alan Thompson, SCAG Staff, presented the Preliminary Transportation Goals, Outcomes, and Action Plan to the group for its consideration.

7.0 CHAIR'S REPORT

8.0 STAFF REPORT

9.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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10.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m. The next Task Force meeting is scheduled for September 10, 2007 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Regional Comprehensive Plan Task Force

Minutes for September 17, 2007

The following minutes are a summary of actions taken by the Regional Comprehensive Plan Task Force.

The Regional Comprehensive Plan Task Force held its meeting at the Southern California Association of Governments offices in Los Angeles. The first half of the meeting was conducted jointly with the Benchmarks Task Force. The meeting was called to order by Chair, Pam O'Connor, City of Santa Monica.

Committee Chair: Pam O'Connor, Santa Monica

Members Present

Feinstein, Mike
Fesmire, Melanie
Garcia, LeeAnn
McCallon, Larry
Nowatka, Paul
O'Connor, Pam
Young, Toni

Representing

Ex-Officio
Indio (Phone)
Grand Terrace(Phone)
Highland
Torrance
Santa Monica
Port Hueneme

Members Absent

Cook, Debbie
Miller, Mike
Pettis, Greg

Representing

Huntington Beach
Ex-Officio
CVAG

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Pam O'Connor, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:34 p.m.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None offered.

3.0 REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

She indicated that the original agenda would be shuffled to initially address items of mutual interest for the Benchmarks Task Force, which was meeting jointly with the RCP Task Force for the first half hour.

4.0 INFORMATION ITEM

5.1 RCP Chapters for Economy, Security and Emergency Preparedness, and Transportation

Doug Kim, SCAG Consultant, provided a summary of the recommended goals and outcomes for these chapters to the Benchmarks Task Force. These had already been reviewed by the RCP Task Force.

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5.0 ACTION ITEMS

6.1 Preliminary RCP Executive Summary

Doug Kim, SCAG Consultant, presented the RCP Executive Summary for the Task Force's consideration.

The Task Force commented that SCAG will need help from outside the region to address global warming.

Larry McCallon stated that we should not tell local governments what to do. We should emphasize areas that we have control over but point to areas where more action is needed (state.federal). Emphasize this is advisory. Describe the linkage between the outcomes and State of the Region. Larry McCallon also stated that he is currently in favor of separating the PEIR for the RTP and RCP.

After discussion, the Task Force approved the RCP Executive Summary for release to the CEHD, EEC, and TCC.

6.0 OTHER INFORMATION ITEMS

6.1 Update on RCP Process

Doug Kim, SCAG consultant, provided an update on the RCP process, reviewed dates for major upcoming meetings, and the need for RCP Task Force members to be actively involved in the larger discussion and review of the RCP at the policy committee level.

7.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

7.1 The RCP Task Force postponed action on the minutes of August 13, 2007 until a quorum was available at the next meeting.

8.0 CHAIR'S REPORT

None

9.0 STAFF REPORT

None

10.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Task Force was informed that the next meeting would focus on review of a Preliminary Draft RCP and that a longer meeting would be needed to review the document.

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11.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m. Doug proposed to poll Task Force members to find a suitable date for the next Task Force meeting during the week of October 15th. The meeting was subsequently scheduled for October 17, 2007 from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. The focus of that meeting would be to review the Preliminary Draft RCP and forward it, as amended, to the policy committees for their consideration in November.

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DATE: October 17, 2007

TO: Regional Comprehensive Plan Task Force

FROM: Douglas Kim, SCAG Consultant; (213) 236-1967, kimd@scag.ca.gov

SUBJECT: Preliminary Draft Regional Comprehensive Plan

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

1) Review and comment on the Preliminary Draft Regional Comprehensive Plan (RCP), and 2) provide a recommendation to the Community, Economic, and Human Development (CEHD) Committee on how to proceed with the subsequent release of the Draft RCP and adoption of the Final 2008 RCP.

DISCUSSION:

Staff has prepared a Preliminary Draft RCP that reflects extensive outreach and input from the RCP Task Force and other key stakeholders. The RCP is an advisory policy document that responds to Regional Council direction to look at long range challenges for the Southern California region and a vision for meeting those challenges. Staff recommends that the RCP Task Force review and provide comments on the Preliminary Draft RCP, at which time the document would be forwarded to the policy committees for their review.

The RCP serves as an important complement to the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), which is scheduled for release in November 2007 and must be adopted by April 2008 to avoid a potential federal air quality conformity lapse. Although the RTP will meet all requirements for transportation planning in the region, the RTP is constrained by available resources and regulatory requirements and will not, on its own, respond to the full range of environmental and socio-economic challenges in the region. The RCP complements the RTP by recommending how the region can better accommodate growth, protect the environment, and assure economic competitiveness.

RCP Review Process

With regard to the process itself, some concerns about the RCP have been raised by SCAG policymakers that warrant consideration. On September 17, staff provided the Task Force with RCP comment letters to present the range of concerns expressed. For example, some stated that the process for adopting the RCP should be relaxed, particularly in light of the concurrent development of the federally-mandated RTP. Questions about the advisory nature of the document have also been mentioned. Finally, concerns about the Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the RTP and RCP have raised process questions as well.

In recognition of these issues, staff has identified three options for how the RCP review process can proceed toward final adoption in 2008.

Option 1: (Current approach) Authorize release of the Draft RCP concurrent with the Draft RTP on November 1, 2007 and recommend concurrent adoption of both plans in early 2008. This requires that the RCP Task Force forward the document to the CEHD, TCC, and EEC for its consideration on November 1. The CEHD would authorize release of the Draft RCP for public

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review concurrent with the release of the Draft RTP. Following public review and comment, the Regional Council would subsequently adopt both the 2008 RTP and 2008 RCP in early 2008 and certify the accompanying Program EIR for both documents.

Comment: The continuation of the current approach to-date would likely shortcut desired debate and discussion on the RCP's content and direction at the Regional Council but would maintain the intended position of the RCP as a companion to the RTP.

Option 2: Authorize release of the Draft RCP concurrent with the Draft RTP on November 1, 2007, but recommend adoption of key RCP chapters that directly complement the RTP in early 2008. Following public review and comment, the Regional Council would subsequently be asked to adopt both the 2008 RTP and five chapters from the Draft RCP in early 2008: Land Use & Housing, Security & Emergency Preparedness, Open Space, Air Quality, and Energy. These chapters are directly tied to federal planning requirements associated with the RTP. The Regional Council would also certify the accompanying Program EIR for both documents. This would allow stakeholders additional time to consider the RCP chapters for Transportation, Economy, Water, and Solid Waste.

Comment: This would allow RCP-related materials of particular value that directly complements transportation planning requirements to move forward with the RTP adoption but loses the "comprehensive" multi-benefit theme of the RCP that would emphasize the interdependence of resource planning.

Option 3: De-couple the release and adoption of the RCP from the RTP. This would allow the Draft RTP to be released on November 1, 2007, while the Draft RCP could be released as late as December 2007, which would coincide with the release of the Draft Program EIR for both plans. Following public review and comment, the Regional Council would be asked to subsequently adopt the 2008 RCP on a timely schedule, but one that is independent of the RTP adoption cycle. This would allow decisionmakers and the public more time to discuss and debate issues in the RCP before they the RCP is considered for adoption.

Comment: Allows full debate and discussion of the RCP during the public review and comment period. Accommodates buy-in and consensus, but loses both position of the RCP as a companion to the RTP and any sense of urgency to adopt the voluntary Plan.

Program EIR

With regard to CEQA issues, on October 4, the EEC recommended reaffirming the current approach of addressing both the RTP and RCP in a combined Program EIR, contingent on consultation with attorneys from within Orange County. At this stage, staff remains confident that concerns about the RCP can be addressed through any of the above options. However, it should be noted that changing course on the Program EIR would have the unintended consequence of delaying the RTP.